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March 11th, 1918

Professor C. W. Cotern,

Allegheny College, Meadville, Pa.

My dear Professor Cotern:

I esteem it a great compliment to have been asked by you with I am sure of the concurrence of President Crawford to go to Allegheny College and preach on Sunday evening, May 5th, in connection with the 25th anniversary of President Crawford entering upon his present office. I should be very glad indeed to go were it not that I have had to make a rule not to take any engagements outside the University for preaching. I have consequently refused all such in Canada and in the United States, and therefore in any case would be precluded by my necessarily self-imposed rule, but in addition to that the date that you mention will be an almost impossible one for me to get away. The week before I shall have had to go to New York and our own Commencement comes the following week. Also that is the time in which our estimates are being framed. In these circumstances I must ask you to accept my declinature though I send it with regret.

Please give my compliments to President and Mrs. Crawford with the hope that you will have a very successful celebration.

I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

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March 20th, 1918

Professor C. W. Cotern,

Allegheny College, Meadville, Ont.

My dear Professor Cotern:

I have again carefully considered the possibility of my going to Meadville for May 5, but I fear that it is out of the question. My engagements crowd in upon me so much at that time that after being in New York at the beginning of that week, various meetings, the approaching commencement, and the consideration of our estimates all make it impossible for me much as I should like to be present with you and cordially co-operate with you in the work of goodwill both in regard to President Crawford and Allegheny Colleges in the war.

I would suggest that possibly Chancellor Bowles of Victoria College, which is a College of the University of Toronto, would make a suitable visitor. Victoria College is the leading Methodist College of the Dominion and is one of our strongest factors within the University of Toronto. Chancellor Bowles is on our Senate, knows all about the University, his College has sent hundreds to the front, he is a good preacher and would, I am confident, fill the till well.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.